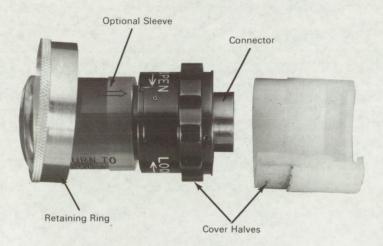
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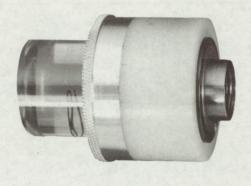


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Cover Protects Critical Electrical Connectors Against Damage During Handling



Cover Partially Disassembled from Connector



Complete Cover Assembly

This split-half cover is designed to protect critical, expensive cable connectors from damage during handling. The special connector shown in the photographs has a locking mechanism and anodized surface finish which are not adequately protected by the conventional dust cover. Use of the new split-half cover has eliminated the surface marring and dirt penetration problems previously encountered during handling and cable assembly.

To protect a connector, the two plastic halves of the protector are mated to the unit and a metal retaining ring is slipped over the assembly to lock the two halves in place. The transparent plastic sleeve shown in the photographs is an optional component which may be used for grommet and pin protection. A dust cap which would also be required for the open cable end of the connector is not shown in the photographs.

Note:

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